

## Visiting Professors for 2005–2006 at LLILAS

Latin America offers a wealth of diversity, from its landscapes to its peoples and politics. Bringing new perspectives and regional insights to the study of Latin America is the goal of LLILAS's Visiting Professors programs. Distinguished Latin American scholars and practitioners are brought to the University of Texas at Austin to teach courses or a set of classes, greatly enriching the academic experience for both students and faculty by sharing their expertise and facilitating the exchange of ideas in their areas of research.

The Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Annual Visiting Professorship was newly launched in 2006. Established as part of the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Endowment, this professorship supports visiting scholars to teach at UT for one semester. LLILAS was honored to bring Dr. Guillermo Padilla for the spring semester as the first Lozano Long Visiting Professor. Dr. Padilla, a Colombian, received his doctoral degree in Latin American studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and specializes in the fields of sociology and legal anthropology, with a focus on indigenous people. He advocates for reforms to improve access to the justice system for indigenous people and the validity of the traditional Indians systems of law. Nominated by the Department of Anthropology, Dr. Padilla taught courses on "Culture and Power in Contemporary Latin America" and "Legal Pluralism and Indigenous Politics in Latin America."

The Spring 2006 semester also brought LLILAS's first Matías Romero Visiting Professor, Jaime Parada Avila. The Matías Romero Visiting Chair in Mexican Studies was created through an educational and research cooperative agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Mexico and UT Austin. Its purpose is to promote the presence and participation of distinguished Mexicans from the public and private sectors, as well as from academia, to foster greater understanding of Mexican culture and society. Dr. Parada Avila has been the General Director of the National Council for Science and Technology in Mexico, where he developed education policy to promote higher education and to increase value for developments in the fields of science and technology. He also has worked in the private sector as a Chief Technology Officer for Celulosa y Derivados. For the past thirty years, he has been a leader in Mexico in

the fields of business management, product development, higher education, consultancy in engineering, innovation programs, and manufacturing and quality systems. At UT he taught a graduate course on "Science, Technology, and Development: Mexico's Challenge and the USA's Role."

The Tinker Visiting Professor program dates back to 1973 when it was endowed by the Edward Larocque Tinker Foundation. The goal of the program has been to bring pre-eminent thinkers from Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula to the United States as a means of encouraging contact and collaboration among scholars. A Tinker Visiting Professor is expected to provide an opportunity for U.S. scholars, students, and the general public to discover the contributions made by Latin American and Iberian scholars in a broad range of disciplines. Dr. Eduardo Rios-Neto was awarded the prestigious Tinker Visiting Professorship for the Spring 2006 semester. Dr. Rios-Neto received his doctoral degree in demography from the University of California, Berkeley, and a postdoctoral degree in demography from the University of Texas at Austin. He serves as President of the National Commission on Population and Development, under the Ministry of Planning of the Brazilian government and is a Professor of Demography at the Federal University of Minas Gerais. Dr. Rios-Neto taught a graduate course on "Seminars in Demography, Evaluation of Social Policy in Latin America."

### LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors

The LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors (VRP) program allows for scholars to come to UT for shorter periods. Visiting Resource Professors are invited by UT Latin Americanist faculty members to lecture for one to two weeks in either undergraduate or graduate classes. The VRP program addresses three academic goals: to enhance the international community of scholars working on Latin American topics; to establish and strengthen contacts between Latin American institutions of higher learning and the University of Texas; and to allow Latin American scholars access to UT library collections and archives. For the 2005–06 academic year, LLILAS welcomed the following Visiting Resource Professors.

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Juan Carlos Aguiló

Dr. Aguiló is Dean of the Political and Social Sciences School at Universidad Nacional de Cuyo in Mendoza, Argentina. His areas of

study are public policy and management, negotiation and design, and evaluation of social projects.

Mauro Galetti

Dr. Galetti is Assistant Professor in the Departamento de Ecología at Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP) and Scientific Director (volunteer) at the Institute for Biological Conservation (IBC). He works on landscape ecology and conservation in Brazil and on plant-animal interactions.

Florian Hoffman

Dr. Hoffman is Assistant Professor of Law (Public International Law and Human Rights) and Deputy Director, Núcleo de Direitos Humanos, Department of Law, at Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio). His areas of study are public international law and international human rights.

Spring 2006

Richard Webb

Dr. Webb has a distinguished record as governor for the Central Reserve Bank in Peru and is currently Director of the Center for Economic Research at the Universidad de San Martín in Lima. His research focuses on political economy, growth, and equality in Latin America.

Gabriel Infante-Lopez

Dr. Lopez received his doctoral degree in computer science from the University of Amsterdam. His area of specialization is probabilistic grammars for natural language parsing.

Fabrice E. Lehoucq

Dr. Lehoucq is Research Professor in the Division of Political Studies at the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico. He specializes in the field of comparative politics, with focus on Costa Rica's elections, electoral institutions, and electoral fraud.

Salvador Romero Ballivian

Dr. Romero is a well-known Bolivian political scientist at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, currently serving as one of the directors of the National Electoral Court in Bolivia. His research focuses on political behavior in Bolivia.

In addition to their classroom interaction, VRPs write a paper on their current research interests, which is presented in the electronic LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors Papers series. Papers from the initiation of the VRP program in 2001 to the present can be found at: <http://lanic.utexas.edu/project/etext/llilas/vrp/> ☀